

DEATH OF MR. JOEL TURNEY

The Founder of the Charter Oak Wagon, Occurred at Fairfield, Iowa, June 27, 1905, Aged 78 Years.

JOEL TURNEY, senior member and founder of the firm of Joel Turney & Co., Fairfield, Ia., was born June 17, 1828, near Columbus, Ohio. He was of the fourth generation in this country of a French Huguenot family of that name coming here before the Revolutionary war, the descendants of whom settled mostly in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky. He was raised on a farm, but being inclined to mechanics, apprenticed himself at the age of seventeen to a blacksmith in Columbus for a term of three years for the wages of \$50, \$100 and \$150 respectively, per year, with board and permission to equip himself with a set of tools of his own handiwork, to be his own after completion of apprenticeship. In that day the apprentice "learned the trade" by working at the details of his chosen trade until each in turn was mastered, and he was considered thoroughly capable of starting up a business of his own. In 1848 Mr. Turney, thus equipped for his life work, went to the promising west and located at Trenton, Iowa, a small hamlet fifty miles west of Burlington, the gateway of that country. Here he started up a blacksmith shop, the overland travel to California commenced the following year, and luckily one of the much-used routes ran through Trenton. Mr. Turney was soon busily engaged and employing help, repairing the outfits of these gold-seekers.

There was no set limit to the hours then, and it was a usual thing for him and his employes to work from daylight till dark during the long summer days, trying to speed the eager wayfarer on his way with as little delay as possible. During the early fifties, as the overland travel diminished, he commenced to build farm wagons, needed in the new country around. This work was all done by hand, the various parts of the woodwork being hewn out of the rough material and finished by hand to its proper shape, then stored for seasoning and for the inspection of the customer, who, after selection and approval of a wagon "pattern," as a complete set of the wood parts of the wagon was called, would order it ironed up to suit his ideas. Each wagon thus constructed had an individuality of its own, not only with the maker, but the buyer and user, and to the sound qualities of work made in this way is largely due the respect that goes to "hand-made" work to this day, though long since a thing of the past in the strict sense of the term.

During this period, before the war, a farm wagon, plain and with no extras, would sell for \$150 to \$175. Bar iron cost as much as ten cents per pound and all the iron-work was hand-made from it, even to the nails used, which were drawn out from the bar iron. Springs for the wagon seats, when first introduced, cost \$5 per pair, and a "spring-seat" costing \$10 extra for a wagon was regarded as a luxury too expensive for the good pioneers of those days, who, as a rule, continued to jolt along over the rough roads on a "seat-board," with the women folk a trifle more in comfort on chairs in the wagon-box. Labor was low in price, common labor and blacksmith helpers getting about fifty cents per day, and a mechanic perhaps twice as much, but wants were few and living was cheap, pork and flour selling for about \$1 per hundred weight, and other necessities in proportion. The business was largely in barter and exchange of labor and products, and credits were freely extended. No deserving man was ever refused credit by the subject of this sketch when in need of his labor on a farm wagon to help him build up a home in this new West, and if the debtor could not pay when expected, the time was kindly extended until fortune should

serve him better. Lifelong friends were made in this old-fashioned manner of doing business.

Mr. Turney gradually increased the manufacture of farm wagons during and after the Civil war, styling the name of his product the "Charter Oak" at an early date, and in the late sixties he had a good-sized factory for those days and that part of the country, with a fair equipment of simple machines mostly constructed by himself and employes. In speaking of those times, he has said it was remarked with wonder that this or that factory farther east was said to be turning out a complete wagon per day, that now number their annual product by tens of thousands.



THE LATE JOEL TURNEY

The nearest railroad being at Mt. Pleasant, nine miles away, the disadvantages of extending his business and shipping wagons to western points were great, but early in the seventies, because of a demand created chiefly by customers who had gone on west and carried with them the good name of his work, he commenced to make shipments chiefly to western Iowa. In 1879 the factory was destroyed by fire. There was no insurance, but the factory was rebuilt soon and operated in Trenton, with the aid of sons now grown up in the business, until 1887 when, after negotiations with the citizens of Fairfield, Ia., the plant was removed to that place and enlarged. Fairfield was not so far removed from his old home but that he could keep up the as-

sociations and friendships of his pioneer days. Mr. Turney was a man first for his home and friends, and anything that broke such ties was the hardest thing for him to experience. At Fairfield, assisted by his sons, Ellsworth and Dillon, and J. H. Montgomery, the business was surely established by the sterling qualities of its founder has been carried on successfully under the style of Joel Turney & Co., and is known as one of the western wagon factories with a growth commensurate with that of the West. In 1897 the factory was again destroyed by fire, but promptly rebuilt on a larger and more permanent scale. After removing to Fairfield, Mr. Turney gradually withdrew from the care of active business life and spent his declining years in the enjoyment of home and friends. His health gradually failed and the end of his honorable and busy life came peacefully on June 27, at 1:30 a. m. at the age of 78 years.

In the early days, the employes of Mr. Turney were his fellow workmen. He never had any labor troubles and always enjoyed the confidence and friendship of those working for him, and when the time came to pay the last respects, the remains were borne by some of those workmen longest in the service of the company. Joel Turney, his active experience in the business of making wagons, covering a period of almost sixty years, was perhaps the last of those pioneers who engaged in this work in the Middle West. During his life he had seen the evolution from the strictly hand-made wagon built in small shops in each community to supply surrounding trade, to the factory-made product of today, ground out by the thousands in mammoth plants and shipped not only the length and breadth of our own country, but to foreign trade as well.

The deceased was married on February 14, 1849, to Sarah Morrison, of Trenton, Ia., who died in 1851. September 10, 1854, he was united in marriage to Sarah Margaret Parent, a daughter of pioneers of Iowa, who settled in the wilderness near Wayland, in 1838. After fifty years of devoted companionship, she is left to mourn his loss. To this union five children were born, two daughters, who died in infancy, and three sons, Clayton, who died in Trenton in 1886, aged 26, and Ellsworth and Dillon, now of Fairfield, all having been associated with their father in the manufacture of wagons. Joel Turney was one of those who have built up the industries of our country. That he did his part well and faithfully, all who knew him can testify.

The death of Mr. Turney will in no way interfere with the manufacture of the Charter Oak Wagon, as in his declining years he has practically turned the business over to his two sons, who are, by the way, mechanics in smithing, wood work and painting, so they know a good job of work. We have sold this wagon for about nine years, and we want to say that we have never returned or set a tire on a single Charter Oak wheel and we have sold from one to four cars per year, and our repairs on same have not to exceed one-tenth of one per cent, and there is no question but what it is the best painted wagon on the market, and has more varnish on same than any wagon in the states. Every part of the gear except the tongue is boiled in oil, and in all that time we have never had any man say, "I don't like my wagon." Who can give a better testimonial than the Charter Oak is the pride of our sample room.

LAMONI BOWSHER & BOWSHER LEON PLEASANTON

For Oklahoma realty write or call on C. B. Jordan, Enid, O. T., formerly of Leon, Iowa.

John Crouse met with a serious accident when in town, Monday. He and his wife and children were in a buggy and driving at a smart trot when in turning a corner, one of the front wheels gave way precipitating all of them to the ground with great force. One of the small children is reported to have been badly though not seriously hurt. The buggy wheel was completely demolished, not a whole spoke remaining.—Cainsville News.

IMPROVED FARMS FOR SALE.—In North Central Missouri, 120, 80, 70. Price of each is \$22 per acre. Easy terms. Address Box 117, Lineville, Iowa. 26-1f

Mary had a little lamb; that time has passed away. No lamb could follow up the gait that Mary goes today. For now she rides on airshod wheels in skirts too short by half; no lambkin shares her airy flight, but you can see her calf. But is there one who can complain or cry in woe, "Alas?" so long as Mary's calf's all right the lamb can go to grass. So all the men delight to gaze, their joy is not a sham, for while the other critter's out they have no use for lamb.

Dear Gus:—I have solved mother-the in-law problem, just give her regularly Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It will make her healthy, and docile as a lamb. 25 cents, Tea or Tablets. W. C. Stempel & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Abernathy received word the first of last week that their son Frank had been bitten by a shark while bathing in Manila Bay. The flesh on one leg had been torn from the bone in several places before his comrades could rescue him and more than sixty stitches were taken by the doctors in closing the wounds. Mr. Abernathy is twenty-one years of age and is serving as corporal in one of the companies stationed in Manila. At last accounts he was doing nicely but it takes twenty days for a letter to come and his parents, of course, are very anxious about him.—Chariton Patriot.

Scrofula, salt rheum, erysipelas and other distressing eruptive diseases yield quickly and permanently to the cleansing, purifying power of Burdock Blood Bitters.

Public is Aroused.

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of that great medicinal tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidneys. Mary H. Walters, of 516 St. Clair Ave., Columbus, O., writes: "For several months I was given up to die. I had fever and ague, my nerves were wrecked; I could not sleep, and my stomach was so weak from useless doctors' drugs, that I could not eat. Soon after beginning to take Electric Bitters, I obtained relief and in a short time I was entirely cured. Guaranteed at L. P. Van Werden's drug store; price 50c.

John Leach, a young man of Humes-ton, was found dead, Monday, in the weeds near the rail road between Humes-ton and Derby. It is generally supposed he was killed by the passenger train, Saturday evening, that passes through there sometime after nine p. m. He was found Monday morning by the section men who brought him to town. One lower limb was cut off and the body was badly bruised and in a bad state of decomposition, it having laid two nights and all day Sunday before being discovered. He was about 25 years old and leaves a wife.—Garden Grove Express.

"I had a running, itching sore on my leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's Ointment took away the burning and instantly and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling Green, O.

Low Rates to Portland, Ore. via Chicago Great Western Railway

Tickets on sale frequently beginning May 23rd till Sept. 29th. Also very low rates to Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham and Everett, Wash., Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., and San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, Cal. For low rates, dates of sale and other information apply to any Great Western Agent or J. P. Bremer, G. P. A., St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 29.

If you are troubled with dizzy spells, headache, indigestion, constipation, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well and keep you well. If it fails get your money back. That's fair 35 cents. W. C. Stempel & Co.

Money to loan on improved farms at 5 per cent interest for 5, 6 to 10 years time. S. VARGA.

A Physician Healed

Dr. Geo. Ewing, a practicing physician of Smith's Grove, Ky., for over thirty years, writes his personal experience with Foley's Kidney Cure: "For years I had been greatly bothered with kidney and bladder trouble and enlarged prostate glands. I used everything known to the profession without relief, until I commenced to use Foley's Kidney Cure. After taking three bottles I was entirely relieved and cured. I prescribe it now daily in my practice and heartily recommend its use to all physicians for such troubles. I have prescribed it in hundreds of cases with perfect success." L. P. Van Werden.

In 1851 the late Samuel King and family and Thomas Hancock and family came to Iowa, both families crossing the river at Burlington on the ferry steamer Flint Hill and both coming to Wayne county and locating near Bethlehem, a few weeks apart. Time passed on and a mill was built on the Samuel King place and the boiler to run the engine was the same one used on the Flint Hill at the time the families crossed the river at Burlington years before. And today a section of that old boiler is still in use in Wright township on the former Samuel King farm as a receptacle for a mud mill in the manufacture of brick, fifty-four years after the first time they saw it. What memories it must call up in the minds of those members of the families who are left that came to Iowa in 1851.—Corydon Democrat.

"Itching hemorrhoids were the plague of my life. Was almost wild. Doan's Ointment cured me quickly and permanently, after doctors had failed." C. F. Cornwell, Valley Street, Saugerties N. Y.

Road master W. E. Creswell will move his family to Osceola the first of the month as his territory has been changed and he will hereafter have charge of the Des Moines & Cainsville and Chariton & Indianola branches.—Chariton Leader.

Quick Relief for Asthma Sufferers. Foley's Honey and Tar affords immediate relief to asthma sufferers in the worst stages and if taken in time will effect a cure. L. P. Van Werden.

Yellow clothes look bad. Whiten them by using Maple City Self-Washing Soap.

Fleishish Suffering

is often caused by sores, ulcers and cancers, that eat away your skin. Wm. Bedell, of Flat Rock, Mich., says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, for Ulcers, Sores and Cancers. It is the best healing dressing I ever found." Soothers and heals cuts, burns and scalds. 25c at L. P. Van Werden's drug store; guaranteed.

A horse that is a fast walker does not have to trot so fast. Did our boys ever notice that? Well, it is much the same with boys. A boy who walks right up to and with his work—keeps abreast with his duties has a much more pleasant time than the one who is always lagging to the rear. A boy must in some shape or other, do his share, and if he persists in poking along whenever the eye of the instructor is on something else, he must be made to trot to catch up with the fast, even walkers who find his work easy and pleasant because he never allows it to get ahead of him. Take a lot of boys together and the fellow who tries to do the least has much the hardest time of any. The boy who has the easiest time is the one who peels off his coat and starts right in with the determination of doing well and promptly the work that is assigned to him to do.

FAMILY CARES.

This Information May Be of Value to Many a Mother in Leon

When there is added to the many cares inseparable from the rearing of children that affliction of weakness of the kidneys and auxiliary organs, the mother's lot is far from a happy one. This condition can be quickly changed and absolutely cured by the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. When this is known the mother's burdens will be lighter and her home happier.

Mrs. Henry McKern, living in the north part of town says: "I do not hesitate to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to anyone having children with weak kidneys. One of my children has been bothered with weak and inactive kidneys since a very small child. I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Van Werden's drug store and they were taken according to directions, and proved to be a remedy of excellent merit and did all that was claimed for them. I believe that anyone troubled with weak or disordered kidneys who will give Doan's Kidney Pills a thorough trial, will not be disappointed in the results obtained."

Acting in defense of his sister from alleged brutality on the part of her husband Harry Duckworth shot five times at his brother-in-law, Sherman Rhodes, last Thursday night. None of the shots took effect. The parties connected with the affair live in the east part of town near the slaughter house. Because of alleged abuse of Mrs. Rhodes by her husband there has existed bad blood between the Duckworths and Rhodes. Duckworth took his sister to his home Wednesday. Thursday night Rhodes called and demanded his wife and the shooting took place. Information was filed against Duckworth but when the officer went to make the arrest he found that the man and his sister had fled. It is thought that they went to either Kansas or Nebraska. It is not likely that any attempt will be made to apprehend the fugitives.—Chariton Patriot.

Foley's Kidney Cure.

Will cure Bright's Disease. Will cure Diabetes. Will cure Stones in Bladder. Will cure Kidney and Bladder Diseases. Foley's Kidney Cure will cure all diseases arising from disordered kidneys or bladder. L. P. Van Werden.

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We are ready to contract or fill orders for Smoky Hollow coal by the bushel ton or car load. J. J. EVANS.

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HOLLISTER'S Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets A Bury Medicine for Bury People. Brings Golden Health and Renewed Vigor. A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney Troubles, Pimples, Eczema, Itch, 25c. Bad Breath, Sluggish Bowels, Headache and Backache. It's Rocky Mountain Tea in its best form. 25 cents a box. Genuine made by HOLLISTER DRUG COMPANY, Madison, Wis. GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE

WORSE ENERY YEAR.

Plenty of Leon Readers Have the Same Experience.

Don't neglect an aching back. It will get worse every year. Backache is really kidney ache. To cure the back you must cure the kidneys.

If you don't other kidney ills follow—Urinary troubles, diabetes, Bright's disease.

A Leon citizen tells you how—the cure is easy.

Henry Vogt now retired, living in the southeast part of town, says: "I have had attacks of kidney complaint for twenty years and have suffered far more than I wished with my back. Physicians told me I had symptoms of Bright's disease and certainly the indications pointed that way. Too frequent action of the kidney secretions annoyed me particularly observable at night and from the loss of sleep ensuing I arose in the morning as a rule tired and unrefreshed. Some time ago I saw in a newspaper an advertisement which stated that Doan's Kidney Pills were guaranteed to help such conditions and as any help in my case would be welcome I went to L. P. Van Werden's drug store for a box. From the positive results received I must confess that in my estimation Doan's Kidney Pills are an excellent medicine for the kidneys.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cts. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute.

About 2 weeks ago, a stranger giving name of L. L. Nutt, brought a team and buggy into town and traded them to Liveryman Hamilton for another team and buggy and got \$60 to boot. He requested the liveryman to keep the team for him a couple of weeks when he would return for it. In a few days after the trade was made, the liveryman received a telegram from Eugene Eddy at Warsaw, Ill., ordering him to hold the team and ordering the arrest of Nutt. Therefore when Nutt appeared for his team, yesterday, he was arrested on a charge of stealing the team and buggy and is being held for further investigation. He denied the charge and asserts that the team rightfully belonged to him, and that he will be able to prove his innocence. Prosecuting Attorney Davison is in town, today, looking after the matter while M. F. Oxford and W. S. Chapman represent the defendant.—Cainsville News.

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